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Dear Sir/Madam:

The USDA recently took a major step in ending the downed animal trade. This development shows a growing accordeven among industry and government officials — that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes intense animal suffering and poses an unnecessary health risk.

Please grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - Docket Number 98P0150/CP1.

Your assistance in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ethel L. Minter



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